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Athletic Association Meeting.

A special meeting of the Athletic Association will be held today. A large attendance is desired, as the proposition for consideration is an important one. The Faculty has seen fit to taboo our St. Lawrence meet as they did last spring. To be exact, three meets are forbidden on the ground that they detract from the College meet. The management thinks that convenience, good faith, and treasury will be perhaps better conserved by cancelling the Colgate dual meet and retaining the St. Lawrence meet on the Campus. On this important matter college opinion is needed. The meeting will be at about 12:35.

Prize Debaters Announced.

The prize debate appointees were announced by Dr. Stryker directly after chapel Thursday morning. As heretofore the debate will take place Tuesday night of Commencement Week. It will be the Thirty-eighth McKinney Prize Debate. The following men were appointed: Drummond, Edie, McLean, Melrose, Nellis, and Purdy. It was also announced at this time that the Southworth Physics Prize goes to C. L. Jenks.

Sherman, '06, at Golf.

Sherman, '06, who captained the basket-ball team with such success during the last two seasons, has recently shown himself to be a golf player of no common skill.

An open golf tournament for professionals and amateurs began in Washington this week under the auspices of the Columbia Golf Club. Fifty players entered the medal play competition, which was played in two halves of 18 holes each. Alexander Smith, of Nassau, L. I., won first prize, \$150, with the medal score of 156; fourth prize of \$25 went to Sherman, '06, whose score was 160.

The Flag Row.

Spring term opened formally Wednesday morning at 6:30 with the annual flag row. Throughout the night the underclassmen were engaged in making the final preparations for the festivities of the day. Either too nervous to sleep or too anxious for the fray, they wandered silently about the Campus and anything but silently about the dormitories. By dawn every tree between the Library and the Gym. was safely quarantined with red flags, one lone green flag being used by way of variation. At last the eventful moment arrived. Through mud and water trudged the Freshmen, on toward the harmless bit of green bunting; inconsiderate of the feelings of the Sophs. they hauled down the flag. This disagreeable task accomplished, they clustered valiantly about their own flag and with grim determination awaited the terrific onslaught of the Soph. legions. The latter organized their host of twenty men into a seemingly irresistible battering ram. With Spartan-like fury and resolve they hurled themselves upon the excited Freshmen. Outnumbered by the latter two to one they fought a plucky fight and lost. The lot of the under dog was hard indeed, for to fall meant to be buried in six inches of mud. Woe to the vanquished warrior!

The outcome of the contest was a foregone conclusion, and after a vain struggle of about ten minutes the row was called off by the upperclassmen who were present.

The small number of men engaged in the row and the condition of the ground combined to make it an uninteresting spectacle. The rivalry of winter term had disappeared, as the luke-warm spirit of the contest showed. The row was characterized by the utmost courtesy and gentleness on the part of the participants.

—Report says that Applied Trig. will not be taught this term. Does that mean another course of cuts?

Baseball Practice Begins.

Though Coach Watson has not as yet arrived on the Hill the baseball squad is limbering up under the coaching of Captain Ferris. Of course it is pretty early in the season to say much about the prospects for a good team; but in view of the fact that most of last year's team is still in college it would not be too optimistic to say that we will have a better aggregation on the diamond than we did a year ago. The veterans of 1906 have had considerable experience at the game and no small amount of good coaching. They are ripe, and everyone of them ought to play a star game this season. It is safe to prophesy that these men will form the members of the team, for most of them have played at least two years on the 'Varsity. Until the coach comes and the men have been thoroughly tried out, it will be impossible to ascertain as to how the men will be placed.

The manager has been hard at work, as a successful manager must, in proposing a good and satisfactory schedule.

For some reasons it is to be regretted that we have not an eastern trip, such as was taken by the basket-ball team this last season; but such a trip would have complicated the matter of getting cuts to such an extent that the manager thought best not to attempt it. The schedule is as follows:

Apr. 21—Utica Free Academy, at Clinton.
28—Auburn Theo. Sem., at Clinton.
May 5—Union, at Schenectady.
8—Rochester, at Clinton.
11—Hobart, at Clinton.
15—Colgate, at Clinton.
18—Middlebury, at Clinton.
24—Syracuse, at Syracuse.
25—Hobart, at Geneva.
26—Rochester, at Rochester.
June 1—Union, at Clinton.
6—Colgate, at Hamilton.

—The usual number of "bohnners" elected Photography. It is said to be a subject productive of much brain-fag.

1903 Reunion.

A week ago tonight the men in and about New York City, who were graduated in the class of 1903, held a reunion. Their festivities began by a visit to the Colonial Theatre, after which they adjourned for a feed at L'Hotel Empire. After a sumptuous repast had been served and eaten, the fellows made merry for some time. Stories were told and college songs were sung with the fervor which comes with long separation from them. "By the light of the moon," they had to use the big chandelier instead of the Campus moon, but otherwise it went all right. There were nine men present: Blakely, Child, Devotie, Durkee, Foreman, Harkness, Harper, Huff, Miller and Mills. Beckwith and Keith, from Washington, Elihu Root, of Harvard, and Barnes, of Johns Hopkins, could not come as they had expected. Youker was also unable to come, as "he is a married man."

Tennis Prospects.

Tennis on the Hill this year, although conditions are not as favorable as in the past, promises to be as successful as in former years. There is no further need of saying that the season will be a victorious one, for since Hamilton has played Intercollegiate tennis, she has never lost a match. This is a record, indeed, to be proud of.

However, things in the tennis department are by no means as secure as might be wished. Captain Sicard is the only man in College now who holds a Tennis "H." Richardson, '05, Day, '05, and Mills, '05, who made up last year's team, have graduated, and their places are now open. Sherman, '06, Day, '07, and Simmons, '08, are the only men in College who have played in one match. Getman, '09, and A. F. Osborne, '09, head the list of Freshmen who have played the game with varying success. As in former years, a tournament is to be held in which anyone can enter. In this way the men possessing the greatest ability will be singled out and placed in the team. With three open places there is a chance for everyone. As an additional incentive to the contestants, a first-class racquet is to be awarded the man who wins the tournament.

The courts will be graded and placed in condition as soon as the weather permits. It is not generally known in college, but there is an established fund

which supports and keeps in repair the courts. With such backing there will be no cause for complaint on account of limited facilities.

The College will be treated this season to better matches, played on the Hill, than ever before. Cornell has written for a match to be played here in the latter part of May, sending a six-man team. This challenge will, in all probability, be accepted. Colgate will be played on our courts some time during the season, as our team went there last year. Syracuse and Union have both written for games, and one of them will, probably, be played here. Williams is also trying to secure a match, but whether satisfactory dates can be arranged is a matter of doubt.

With every prospect of a lively season, and lots of chances to make the team, there is no reason why a lot of fellows should not turn out. A good squad is essential for a successful tennis team, as much as in any other branch of athletics. With good courts and plenty of games, it is up to every one who can play the game to get out and try for the team.

About the Hamiltonian.

A Hamiltonian on time? It seems too good to be true. Just ask the editors. It's bound to be out on the 15th of May, the appointed date, if nothing happens. The editors are very sanguine about the success of the 1907 Hamiltonian. The work so far has been progressing very satisfactorily in spite of the usual delays of the printer, the cuts, etc. The printer has been overburdened with *Life* and the *Lit.*, to say nothing of the *Hamilton Record*, for which everything else had to be dropped. The cuts got lost in transportation and valuable time was spent in looking them up, only to find that they were spoiled and could not be used. Besides these there have been countless other delays; but the knots have been untangled and everything is moving smoothly.

The 1907 Hamiltonian promises to be an honor to the class. The cuts are above the average in quality. However, they are purely Hamiltonian, a larger proportion than usual being made by men in College. This shows we are making some progress in artistic education. All the cuts are now ready for printing but one, that of the Senior Class crowd. As their gowns were slow in coming, the cut has been necessarily de-

layed. When that is finished the work will be pushed on rapidly. The editors give warning that all inserts must be in within ten days. The cover will be an artistic one with a very pretty color scheme. The book will be handsomely bound and printed on the usual high-grade paper. It will be sold for the reasonable price of \$1.50.

Alumni of California Dine.

The alumni of Hamilton College, residing in the state of California, recently had a dinner at the University Club in San Francisco, at which an organization was perfected, with Thomas E. Hayden, '91, as president, and Melvin G. Dodge, '90, as secretary. Responses to toasts were made by Prof. E. J. Wickson, '69; Rev. Henry K. Booth, '98; Charles P. Eells, '07, and Rev. George Hodges, D. D., '77, who chanced at the time to be visiting in that state. The affair was a very enjoyable one throughout.

Among those present were Judge Augustus L. Rhodes, '41, of San Jose, one of the ablest jurists in the state; Lorenzo S. B. Sawyer, '62, of San Francisco; Prof. Edward J. Wickson, '69, formerly agricultural editor of the *Utica Herald* and for many years connected with that department in the University of California; Seward M. Dodge, '72, who is now doing a large real estate business with headquarters at Berkeley; Rev. Dr. A. S. Coats, '74, who will be remembered by the Whitestown Seminary students of the late sixties and the early seventies; Charles P. Eells, '74 of San Francisco, John B. Richardson, '74 of Oakland, who is a brother of Rev. Dr. Richardson of Little Falls and one of the leading lawyers on the Pacific slope. Henry D. Ames and Dr. Charles L. Morgan of '79, Dr. Ward M. Beckwith, '80, of Oakland, Melvin G. Dodge, who for a time was college librarian and now has a similar position at Stanford University, and Thomas E. Hayden, who was formerly superintendent of the high school at Waterville and has been a resident of San Francisco for several years.

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THE ACTION TAKEN by the Advisory Board last term relative to a football coach for next fall was sensible and expedient. Of course everyone in College prefers Watson and believes that we ought to have his services if possible. The victories of last year's football team speak for themselves, and also for Watson. Concededly he was one of the best football coaches we ever had, and no doubt the engagement of his services for another season would be most auspicious for the success of the team. Yet it would not take very prolonged study of the financial condition of the Athletic Association to see that it would be folly to pay as much for a coach as Mr. Watson commands and demands. He is entirely reasonable in asking what he does; but it is too much for our present financial condition and we must be closely guided by that.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS PAST "Uncle John" has taken a deep and active interest in our track athletics. He has been steady and untiring in his efforts to make the best of all available material, and be it said to his credit that some exceptionally good men have been developed under his system of coaching. This spring "Uncle" is not to be with us, and for some reasons the fact is to be regretted. No coach could take a deeper in-

terest in the athletic prowess of a college than he did in that of Hamilton. Long and loyally he served us, and for his services as coach of the track team we are truly grateful. He has been with us so long, both in the Gym, and on the field, that he seems an essential part of things, and we will all be glad to see him back again next fall.

WE ARE GLAD TO SEE a manifestation of class spirit on the part of the Freshmen. Editorially and otherwise they have been adversely criticised ever since their advent on this Hill, and now we believe that it is time to commend them. Not many times in the history of this College has a class stayed up all night "en masse" in order to win a row. It is reported that this is just what the Freshmen did Thursday night. To the average man such a nocturnal session would not appeal strongly, but it certainly proves that there is at least embryonic class spirit lurking somewhere among the Freshmen. The rows, as they are conducted on this Hill, serve as a powerful incentive to "esprit de corps." They are an excellent form of class friction, and should be continued with a prevalent feeling of friendly but spirited rivalry. It is good class spirit that makes possible a good College spirit; and that is what we have always had here and what we want to keep. The Freshmen pulled themselves together in commendable style. Admittedly they have been discouragingly backward about taking hold of some things. But when they show themselves worthy of praise let us not be reluctant to give it.

IT HAS BEEN RUMORED on the Hill during the past week that the Faculty has again risen in its might and decreed that we shall hold only one dual meet on the Campus this year.

The Interclass meet is held to be much more important than a meet with strangers, and so one outside meet must be omitted. Why it must be omitted is not exactly clear, but "Ours not to question why."

Why do men go out for their class track team? Is it to win a point for their class and hear their name tacked on the end of a yell, along with a dozen others? No, they go out with the same intent as the fellow goes out on the football squad, to make the Varsity and get in a game. The Interclass meet properly should be only a try-out, to enable the best men to be picked for our

team which competes against other colleges. By such an arrangement more interest will be taken and more men will be out working for places, than will if the only result is to be a yell from one's class.

We had few enough meets as it was. There is the Intercollegiate in Utica on Decoration Day. In this Colgate, Hamilton, Hobart, Union and Rochester participate. Then we meet St. Lawrence University and Colgate in two dual meets, on our Campus. Now the Faculty says one of these must be cancelled. We say it is a short-sighted policy.

THE CLASS OF 1906 is gradually unburdening itself and shifting well-borne responsibilities to successive classes. And fittingly it does this, for its members have worked long and well for Hamilton. With this edition of LIFE the new Board assumes the responsibility of publishing the paper until a year from this time. Realizing the high standard set for us by the previous Board we are inspired to work the harder. If we can uphold this standard by dint of hard and constant work we will be satisfied indeed. We will even congratulate ourselves.

What the paper stands for in the College is well understood, and needs no explanation. There will be no radical changes in the policy as carried out by the old Board. In general it will be the same as that of the old regime. Strong effort will be made to follow closely the various activities here on the Hill and to represent them accurately to alumni and other readers of the sheet. LIFE never has been accused of looking on things with jaundiced vision, and may it never be. The columns of LIFE are open, as always, to both alumni and students. Contributions in the form of comment or news are more than welcomed by the Board.

INTERSCHOLASTIC DAY demands our attention and efforts once again. Last year the day was a general success from the standpoint of both visitor and host. Everyone got busy early and full preparation was made in every respect. We want to do as well again this year. Even more, and why not better? It isn't a bad thing once in a while to aim higher than you think you can reach. At least let us make Interscholastic Day as grand a success as it was a year ago, and if possible a grander one. This will be impossible if everyone rests on his oars

and waits for the other fellow to get busy. We need some good athletes and need them badly, as we will appreciate after the Class of 1906 is graduated. No doubt there will be some excellent material on the Hill that day and it will be the best kind of a time to show them that Hamilton is the place to go to college.

Dr. Squires, The Lecturer.

Dr. Squires is meeting with great success in his course of lectures at the Teachers Institute which was held at Waterville this week. He has been delivering a course of 14 lectures on such psychological subjects as, "Self and its Relations," "Stimuli and Responses" and "Threshold of Consciousness." These are subjects with which Dr. Squires is very familiar and entirely competent to speak upon. It is reported that his audiences gave such remarkable attention that no one looked around when a person would enter the door at the rear of the room. It is not usual for Dr. Squires to have his classes disciplined to this degree, but we count it quite extraordinary that he should have a strong audience so well trained.

Conference at Williamstown.

The annual convention of the newly-elected presidents of Collegiate Young Men's Christian Associations in the East was held at Williamstown April 5-8. About forty presidents with half a dozen graduate secretaries and several old college men now in the Association work or in the ministry attended the conference, whose open meeting was on Thursday night. At this time Pres. Hopkins of Williams welcomed us and the local Association gave a reception to the delegates in the Y. M. C. A. building. Saturday afternoon an excursion to the Haystack Monument was arranged, and Pres. Hopkins told the history of the movement resulting from the Haystack meeting; after this the delegates enjoyed walks in the beautiful country around the town or took to mountain-climbing. Meetings were held every morning, afternoon and evening except Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning until Sunday night when the conference closed. The visitors were entertained in royal style by the Williams men. Many were the ideas and methods exchanged, for the meeting was essentially conference, where all took part.

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College Notes.

—Hopkins, '08, of Dartmouth, was visiting friends on the Hill this week.

—Durkee, '03, Allbright, '03, and Tenant, '03, have visited the Hill this week.

—Hawley, '02, began his duties as English Professor in the Utica Academy last Monday.

—"Scrub" managers should get busy if they really want to be elected. "The early bird, etc."

—The Campus has been raked during the last week and presents a much improved appearance.

—Secretary of State Elihu Root, '64, and family are spending the week at their home on College Hill.

—Newton, ex-'07, and Carruth, ex-'08, have re-entered College in the ranks of 1908 and 1909, respectively.

—Cody, '08, and Lyon, '08, took their first cut in some time by being fired out of Chapel by "Hank" last Wednesday.

—Dr. Squires delivered several addresses on Psychological subjects at the Institute held in Waterville this week.

—"Square" will instruct the Sophomores in Calculus until "Nick" is well enough to take up his duties. He is expected back the early part of next week.

—No men were flunked out this term. About the usual number were back for "dink" day and met with varied success.

—The Freshmen appeared in their class caps Wednesday. The colors, golden brown and white, make a neat looking headgear.

—Mr. Watson will be back to begin work with the track and baseball teams on the 21st. Meanwhile the captains are doing the work.

—The gravel on the walk from the bridge to the foot of the hill is part of what has been needed for a long time. Here is hoping for the rest.

—The Sophomores who took Math. this term have decided after one recitation, that they are "up against it." Well, you never can tell till you've tried.

—Lost, strayed or stolen, Simmons, '08, Kazenstein, '09, Aron, '09. Information leading to their return to College will be appreciated by the authorities.

—Those listed as cripples this week are Gilbert, '07, who is suffering from a bad knee, received Freshman year, and Williams, '08, who has a sprained ankle.

—Swetman, '07, and Walter Jones, '08, have gone to Porto Rico to take government positions as English teachers in the public schools. They will re-enter college next fall.

—"Prex" proved himself a philanthropist last term by giving bound copies of his thirteen Baccalaureate sermons to the Seniors. Now they know what to expect Commencement Week.

—The caps and gowns for the Senior class arrived on the Hill Thursday. Brokaw's room soon took on the aspect of a retail clothing store, and it's said that none could "Jew" him down in prices.

—Mann, '06, will not be with us this term. Owing to the recent death of his father he finds it necessary to be at home. However, he will return "exam." week and will probably be graduated with his class.

—"Madame" has closed up shop and taken to the woods or elsewhere. Spring term was always the time to eat "Madame's" pies, when the "set up" was on someone else, but those good old days seem to be over.

—The "sore-heads" who shone as a star basket-ball aggregation last winter have begun signing players for their base-ball team. The first game is scheduled to be played with the Job Lots on the 15th.

—Next Sunday afternoon at five o'clock in Silliman Hall, Mr. V. M. McCombs, who is under appointment for the Mission field, will speak. He is doing fine work in other colleges and a full attendance is hoped for.

—The work on New South has been progressing steadily for the past three weeks. The stonework is up to the fourth floor and the building of the stone entries has been completed. It is hoped that the exterior will be completed before Commencement.

—In the absence of Capt. Ferris, LeMunyan had charge of baseball practice Thursday. The team was out doors for the first time and practiced batting and catching flies. It was too windy and cold for the pitchers to work out, so there was no battery practice.

—The training table for track men has been started. The following men are posted to eat there: Sicard, Thompson, McDonald, Roosa, Carroll, Ferris, '06; Bagg, Meeker, Scoon, Grossmeyer, '07; H. Holley, H. W. Smith, '08. More will be added as they prove their ability.

Interscholastic Preparation.

The Interscholastic Committee has already heard from a number of large schools which plan to attend our meet, Rochester, East High, a school exceptionally strong in athletics, will send a team, and U. F. A. expects to enter a strong team. The quality of the schools will be high—the quantity doesn't matter.

The medals have already arrived and a very attractive set they are—cast in our special Interscholastic die and of gold, silver and bronze. What the Interscholastic needs is a cup that could be competed for year after year and won by being taken for say five years. Of course in the present state of uncertainty as to the retention of the meet next year, any steps to obtain such a cup would be futile and foolish, but if the meet be continued we believe such a trophy would add much to the rivalry of the meet and to our advertisement—if, indeed, we get any.

Yale's Athletic Changes.

Some of the important changes that have been agreed upon by the Yale University faculty, that has been investigating the question of athletic reform for months, have been officially made known through the faculty committee.

The number of out of town baseball games has been cut down, the athletic squads on out of town trips will be very much reduced, the undergraduate subscription for the support of college athletics will be cut out very noticeably under the new dispensation, and students will have to pay only half rates for admission to the championship games under certain conditions. The statement of the faculty is as follows:

"No final settlement of all the matters under consideration has been reached. The advisory athletic committee has, however, taken definite action regarding certain points, following largely the report of the committee of the university council, and in cooperation with the present faculty committee. Later action in some form regarding unsettled questions is expected. The points already covered are as follows:

"First—In the matter of game schedules—After the present season two baseball games commonly played out of town will be dropped. One of these is the Andover game. In football no large or out of town game will be substituted for the game with Columbia. A local game with a smaller college will take its place. A further limitation of out of town football games is still under consideration.

"Second—The squads taken to out of town games will be greatly reduced, the number being limited to those whose services are likely to be needed, excluding those formerly taken as a reward for practice. Fewer men are to be entered in winter track meets, and some of these meets have been omitted.

"Third—No student subscription will be taken for the benefit of the four major sports. They will be financed from their collective earnings out of a common purse. A season ticket, transferable but inscribed with the owner's name, admitting to all home events except championship games, will be offered to the members of the university for \$5. The owner of such a ticket, upon presentation and identification, will be entitled to a half price ticket for all championship games. This provision is designed to relieve the students of what is really a burden to some, the \$8 collection, and to emphasize the fact that football earnings are a trust fund for the common good of college athletics, not the property of football alone.

"Fourth—Only minor and class organizations will be allowed to solicit subscriptions, and these teams will not be financed from the common purse, but

permitted to prosper as they justify themselves to public opinion.

"Fifth—The managers are to extend further the order book system, to furnish for the use of the athletic advisory committee the cost of each individual to the association, with the object of eliminating any extravagance in the use of sporting goods. The grouping of accounts will be further extended to show the character of expenditure. Other provisions for the reduction of expenditures have been adopted, such as the limitation of traveling expenses, the reduction of expenditure for trophies, the elimination of free theatre tickets, and of all tutoring bills. These latter, however, have been merely sporadic and financially unimportant in the past.

"Sixth—The period of the training table has already been shortened, the training tables of the crew and the nine beginning only after the Easter recess. The recommendation of the council committee regarding training tables has been adopted so far as the vote of the managers is concerned. That recommendation was that all training tables except that of the crew at New London should be held in the university dining hall, that \$10 be the maximum price of training table board, that an individual

charge of \$5 a week be placed by the university on the term bill of each member and collected with his tuition fee. It is, however, impossible to carry these recommendations into effect at once, owing to the crowding of the dining hall and the inability of the management to handle the training table under existing conditions. Plans for the necessary additions are now under consideration."

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